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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

## **Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2010, Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1-4, 9-11, 13-15, 21-27, and 53 over Claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,676,626. Applicants respectfully request that the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1-4, 9-11, 13-15, 21-27, and 53 be withdrawn.

Applicants appreciate the finding of the pending Claims 28-52 to be allowable. Applicants submit herewith the following comments on the Allowable subject Matter:

To the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of these allowed claims rests on the recitation of a certain feature or features and not each claim as a whole, the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement. Further, to the extent that the Examiner's Statement omits claim elements, groups claims together, or identifies purportedly distinguishing features of a claim or a group of claims, the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement. Rather, the Applicant submits that the allowed claims are allowable, because each